GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3464
ANSWERED ON:17.04.2000
TELEPHONE FACILITY IN VILLAGES
MOHAN PONNUSWAMY

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages which are without telephone facility in the country at present including percentage thereof in each of the State, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to give preference to Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh for providing the said facility;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State for Communications

(Shri Tapan Sikdar)

(a) In the country, 232,886 villages (38.3%) are without telephone facility as on 1.4.2000. State-wise details are in the enclosed Annex.

(b), (c) & (d) Government policy is to provide telephone facility in all the villages of the country including those in Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh by March, 2002.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PART (a) OF LOKSABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3464 FOR 17TH APRIL, 20 REGARDING TELEPHONE FACILITY IN VILLAGES.
ANNEXURE

State	Total No.of Villages	Uncovered Villages	Percentage of Uncovered
Andaman & Nicobar	282	8	2.8
Andhra Pradesh	29,460	6,081	20.6
Assam	22,224	8,043	36.2
Bihar	79,208	54,285	68.5
Gujarat	18,125	4,202	23.2
Haryana	6,850	43	0.6
Himachal Pradesh	16,997	6,633	39.0
Jammu & Kashmir	6,764	2,971	43.9
Karnataka	27,066	1,265	4.7
Kerala	1,530	0	0.0
Madhya Pradesh	71,526	25,028	35.0
Maharashtra	42,060	10,890	25.9
Goa	407	36	8.8
Arunachal	3,599	3,003	83.4
Manipur	2,394	1,710	71.4
Meghalaya	5,629	4,443	78.9
Mizoram	770	151	19.6
Nagaland	1,192	597	50.1
Tripura	862	206	23.9
Orissa	46,989	24,061	51.2
Punjab	12,687	564	4.4
Rajasthan	38,634	14,907	38.6
Tamil Nadu	17,991	146	0.8
Uttar Pradesh	115,249	45,226	39.2
West Bengal	38,378	18,223	47.5
Sikkim	427	164	38.4
Delhi	191	-	0.0

Total	607,491	232,886	38.3